



LIFE IN PLASTIC...

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SYNOPSIS

The fascination with and enthusiasm for plastic is just as great as the list of problems, risks and studies associated with its use is long. Most types of plastic that we use every day are nearly non-degradable - and as time goes by, they release many of their often hormonally efficacious additives into the environment. Then, spread by wind, water or illegal waste disposal in the ocean, they are found throughout our entire planet - even in oceanic regions far removed from civilisation. Even today, polar bears and Beluga whales remain contaminated with plasticisers used in the 1960s and '70s - which, according to a current WWF study, impairs their capacity for reproduction. However, the most urgent and significant problem arises due to a certain property of plastic which was initially very sought-after: its high durability. A phenomenon of simply incredible enormity has collected in the Pacific Ocean, approx. 2,000 km northwest of Hawaii: a "floating carpet" of plastic...

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